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## **Establishing floor funding for higher education and maintaining the Michigan tuition grant top Sen. Goschka's accomplishments**

**LANSING**—Passing the higher education budget, which gave all Michigan universities an increase of at least 2.5 percent and saving the needs-based Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG) program were among the highlights of state Sen. Mike Goschka's tenure in the Senate.

"Higher education needs to remain a priority in Michigan if we are to compete in the new economy," said Goschka, R-Brant. "I am proud that I was able to play a part in increasing the higher education budget as well as maintaining the very important Michigan Tuition Grant program."

The governor cut approximately \$30 million from the MTG and was going to merge it with the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program. The MTG is a needs-based scholarship program given to students who attend an independent college or university in Michigan. The conference committee recommendation saved the program and funded it at 2005-2006 levels.

Goschka was first elected to the state House in 1992 and the Senate in 1998. He completed his two terms in the Senate on Thursday and is leaving because of term limits.

"I look back upon the past fourteen years with great fondness," said Goschka. "I wish my Senate colleagues and the incoming legislators all the best as they continue to serve the residents of Michigan."

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